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Chief, Tokyo Bureau  
Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
APO 500, c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, California

Dear Frank:

Mr. Marriott, Head of the BBC Monitoring Service, has been here for a week and amongst other things we discussed the BBC position with respect to Kyodo and Jiji. Mr. Marriott agrees that we should not raise the issue unless Kyodo and Jiji press for subscription, payment or in any other way reopen the subject.

If these press services approach you for more information, Mr. Marriott requests that you advise them as follows:

a. The BBC Monitoring Service can in no circumstances be considered a prospective client; that even a very small fee would be regarded as a precedent which they are unwilling to establish.

b. The BBC Monitoring Service uses their material for the information of various British Government agencies and for inclusion in an issuance of theirs largely subscribed to by pseudo-official and private research organizations.

c. The BBC believes this method of making the Japanese point of view known to the British Government serves the Japanese Government well and should result in benefits to Japan.

Please keep us advised as to the current status of these talks and any future developments.

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Sincerely,

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